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In re Application of:

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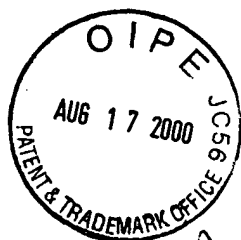
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The following is a concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language documents listed.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-241349. The relevance of this document is discussed on page 2 of the above-identified specification and in the attached English-language abstract.

2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-241350. The relevance of this document is discussed on page 2 of the above-identified specification and in the attached English-language abstract.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit

Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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